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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 5356

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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: NIGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL

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1. AMBASSADOR SANU, DIRECTOR OF MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
DEPARTMENT, TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS
STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER TO REQUEST AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE FROM THE
UN TO TRANSPORT THE NIGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL. HE THOUGHT
IT LIKELY THAT A DEFINITE DECISION WOULD BE REACHED OVER THIS
WEEKEND. SANU CONSIDERED IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE FMG WILL
DECIDE TO TRANSPORT ITS OWN MILITARY PERSONNEL BUT WILL REQUEST

A UN AIRLIFT FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

2. SANU SAID THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH I HAD PROVIDED HIS DEPUTY ON APRIL 25 REGARDING THE DATA WHICH THE UN WOULD BE SEEKING IF REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN AIRLIFT (REFTEL B) HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THAT SAME DAY FOR ITS USE. (THE INFORMATION CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY ON APRIL 25 RESEMBLES THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A, WHICH WE HAVE PROVIDED SANU.)

3. SANU'S ATTITUDE WAS THAT THE USG SHOULD NOT BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUING AIRLIFT QUESTIONS WITH THE FMG UNTIL THE FMG HAS MADE ITS BASIC DECISION REGARDING THE AIRLIFT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I DID NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO INITIATE A DISCUSSION PURSUANT TO PARA 4 OF REFTEL REGARDING THE EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED BY THE NIGERIAN FORCES. I WILL ENDEAVOR TO PURSUE THIS SUBJECT ON MONDAY, MAY 1, WHEN I CONTACT SANU REGARDING THE FMG'S DECISION ON AN AIRLIFT.

4. RE PARA 2 OF REFTEL A, THE ADVANCE ALCE TEAM SHOULD NOT COME TO LAGOS UNTIL WE HAVE RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH THE FMG AND OBTAINED ITS AGREEMENT.

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